Development of a small radar by DRDO

1792. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Defence Research and Development Organization has developed an indigenous small radar which could be fitted on the naval vessels to monitor movements across vast stretches of sea;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which this will improve the coastal surveillance by naval forces?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERN ANDES): (a) No such radar tha can be fitted on the naval vessels to monitor movements across the sea has been developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Military cooperation with the USA and Russia

†1793. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to enter into military cooperation with the USA and Russia;

(b) if so, whether Government have initiated any action in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) India has a long history of military cooperation with both USA and Russia.

In January, 1995, India and the US agreed to further their defence relations by setting up an Indo-US Defence Policy Group (DPG), to discuss strategic defence issues. Under the Defence Policy Group,

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

Executive Steering Groups have also been set up which provide for greater interaction between the Army, Navy and the Air Force of the two countries.

Similarly, with Russia, India has always had a very close defence relationship and much of the arms and equipment of the Indian Armed Forces have been acquired from Russa. The defence relationship with Russia is aiso an ongoing process. To formalise this defence relationship with Russia, an Indo-Russian Inter Governmental Commission on Military Technical Cooperation was set up in October, 2000. This Commission and its Working Subgroups meet on a regular basis to review all the important issues in the defence relationship of the two countries.

Removal of the US embargo on supply of military equipments to India

1794. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that United States of America has removed the embargo on supply of military equipment to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, what is the nature of equipment that India proposes to import from the U.S.A.;

(d) what is the stage of "negotiations;

(e) what is the volume of purchase in rupees; and

(f) whether the US has agreed to upgrade the sea King helicopter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, the United States of America has lifted the sanction on supply of military equipment to India. While the sanctions have been lifted, each case for supply of military